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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/721,806

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Richard Hans Harvey  
Serial No.: 09/721,806  
Filed: November 24, 2000  
Group No.: 2164  
Examiner: Sathyanaraya R. Pannala  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: June 30, 2009  
Confirmation No.: 3613  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPERATING A  
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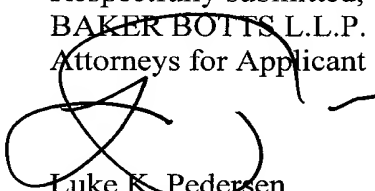
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-5, 9-10, 14-18, 22-23 and 27-31. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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